



## PEKUDEI - RECKONINGS

Exodus 38:21 to 40:38  
1 Kings 7:40-50  
1 Corinthians 2:6 to 3:17

### Tabernacle Assembly: Part Two

*Continued from the last study Vayakhel*

#### Materials

Exodus 38:21-31

The amount of material used for the Tabernacle/*Mishkan* was recorded by the *Kohath* Levite priests under the supervision of Ithamar, the fourth son of Aaron.

#### Priestly Garments

Exodus 39:1-43

The account of the priestly garments in Exodus symbolizes the service of the priesthood of Yeshua and completes the description of the *Mishkan*. These garments are prophetic in nature and represent different aspects of His ministry and the lifestyle. Yeshua's disciples/*talmudim* are to represent His exact Image, Word, and Kingdom to the Nations. When His people approach His Presence, they are to be adorned in His right garments (righteousness) as He has directed. These are the wedding garments that are to reflect His Heavenly nature (power and authority) (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 6:10-17).

Believers have the choice of applying Yeshua's attributes daily in their lives or not. The Bride of Yeshua is a remnant in pursuit of her Bridegroom, keeping holy unto Him without spot or wrinkle and free from contamination, remaining faithful in Him. These are the anointed ones who sing *the song of Moses*, the Wedding Song of the Messiah (Isaiah 11:5; Isaiah 59:17; Psalm 132:9; Isaiah 52:7; Isaiah 49:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Revelation 15:3).

✠ **Matthew 22:11-12** "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless."

## The Ephod and Breastplate Exodus 39:1-21

The ephod and breastplate of the priestly garments were made of the same fabric as the curtains that surrounded the Tabernacle/*mishkan*: blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, but with the added content of a pure gold thread. We learned earlier in the *Tetzaveh* Exodus study that pure gold represents the divine nature of the Messiah and is an excellent electrical conductor. These garments also held stones, set in gold, with the engraved names of the twelve tribes. A belt woven into the breastplate wrapped around the waist held these items of clothing together with the living stones. This belt was known as *the belt of truth*, Yeshua's Word / Gospel / the Torah. These garments all together were known as the *Armor of God/Elohim*. When the twelve tribes walk in faith in the armor of God/*Elohim*, they will once again be His vast and mighty army (Isaiah 59:17; Ephesians 6:10-17).

When a priest ministered before Yahweh, he walked into the room barefoot. Thus, the priest would to be *grounded and shod with the Gospel*.

🌿 **Exodus 3:5** Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground."

🌿 **Ephesians 6:13-15** "Therefore take up the whole armor of God/*Elohim*, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace."

The priest (Bride) experiencing Yahweh's Heavenly power would know His *faithfulness*. This action is called the *shield of faith*. It was not the priest's own measure of faith but an act of obedience and trust to Yahweh's Principles that *extinguished all the flaming missiles of the evil one*. Having faith in Yeshua's faithfulness gave the priest peace, assurance, and confidence. Faith is an *action* word. Therefore, faith was not merely a mental state but a lifestyle grounded in obedience under an expectant pursuit of holiness. Holiness is Yeshua's will for our lives. His word called the *sword of the Spirit the Word of God* equips and cleanses the heart and mind of His people. The priest wore a linen turban/*mitre*, and on his forehead was placed a gold plate. In Hebrew the plate is called a *tziytz*, which means *blossom, flower or bloom* referred to as a "*holy crown*." The plate was made of pure gold and engraved with *HOLY TO YHWH* was tied with a blue cord (symbolizing Yeshua) to the turban, declaring the wearer set apart and holy. This gold plate upon the turban is called the *helmet of salvation* and referenced in Scripture as *the signet ring* or *the seal*. When believers actively walk in Yeshua's holy lifestyle, with the shield of faith/holiness and the sword of His Spirit, the wiles of the enemy are put to flight.

🌿 **Revelation 9:3-4** "Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who *do not* have the seal of God/*Elohim* on their foreheads."

🌿 **Haggai 2:23** “In that day, says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts, I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the LORD/*Yahweh*, and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you, says the LORD/*Yahweh* of hosts.”

🌿 **Ephesians 6:11, 13-15** Paul said, “Put on the whole armor of God/*Elohim* [*armor is zannah in Hebrew, meaning any type of protective military equipment, sword or shield; that which brings life, and representing the Messiah*], that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil [*wiles is zantah, Aramaic for strategies or wiles; hooked or barbed fish hook or any other trap; that which brings death*], so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that come from the gospel of peace.”

### The True Warrior



Paul, a Pharisee, was a brilliant teacher. He referenced back to the prophet Isaiah and described the priestly garments as *garments of victory in times of war*. Isaiah gave a prophetic message for the Messiah’s Bride-elect using these garments to inform God’s/*Elohim* people not to be easily ensnared by false doctrines that would try to assimilate or destroy her. Paul referenced Isaiah as a prophetic warning for believers today, not to be lured by any false teachings. The armor of God in Ephesians 6 is not the apparel of a Roman soldier but is a priestly garment. Paul’s audience would have recognized his priestly model, as his audience was Hebrew. Our future victory comes when we apprehend counterfeit teaching and elevate the ministry of the priesthood as taught through Moses and the Tabernacle. This understanding defeats the enemy today.



🌿 **Isaiah 59:17** “He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.”

🌿 **Isaiah 11:4-5** “But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.”

🌿 **Isaiah 49:2** “And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.”

🌿 **Isaiah 52:7** “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God/*Elohim* reigns!’ ”

As believers clothe themselves in Yeshua, they put on the priestly garments. They wrap themselves in Him, and their hearts and minds transform into His image and His nature. Yeshua’s priestly garments are designed to set His people apart from worldly influence enabling

them to serve in His Heavenly realm. This is the goal and foundation of every believer. There is no other (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:16).

✠ **Ephesians 2:18-22** “For through Him [*Yeshua*] we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens [*part of Israel*] with the saints and members of the household of God/*Elohim*, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach* Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord/*Adonai*, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God/*Elohim* in the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:6-3:17).

### The Completion of the Tabernacle Exodus 40:1-37

During the Israelites walk out through the wilderness, we have witnessed their challenges and trials. In their vulnerability, they met *The Truth* and experienced a far deeper love through His Presence - *Yeshua*. As the people responded they opened their hearts and moved upon His will. The freewill offerings kept coming in continuous waves until they were restrained from bringing more (Galatians 3:8).

✠ **Daniel 7:9-10** “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.”

✠ **Hebrews 8:1** “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”

When the Israelites completed the furnishings and garments, they presented them to Moses where he assembled them according to the exact image he witnessed saw on the mountain. If believers walk in Yahweh’s words given Moses on Mount Sinai, they too will raise a dwelling place for the Messiah.

✠ **Isaiah 66:1-2** Thus says the LORD/*Yahweh*: “Heaven *is* My throne, and earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest? For all those *things* My hand has made, and all those *things* exist,” says the LORD/*Yahweh*. “But on this *one* will I look: On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

The Word is the only foundation we are to build on; there is none other. The Word/*Yeshua* is the voice of Yahweh and will for our life. This foundation of Truth is fulfilled in *Yeshua*, who was and is The Presence of Yahweh. *Yeshua* is Redemption, Power, Savior and Deliverer (Amos 9:11; Acts 15:15-21; 1 Peter 2:5-12).

🌿 **1 Corinthians 3:9-17** “For we are God’s/*Elohim* fellow workers; you are God’s/*Elohim* field, *you are* God’s/*Elohim* building. According to the grace of God/*Elohim* which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ/*Yeshua HaMashiach*. Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God/*Elohim* and *that* the Spirit of God/*Elohim* dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God/*Elohim*, God/*Elohim* will destroy him. For the temple of God/*Elohim* is holy, which *temple* you are.”

### The Glory of YHWH

Exodus 40:34

When the Tabernacle was complete according to the pattern Moses had seen on Mount Sinai, the Glory of Yahweh descended.

*“Then the cloud covered the Tabernacle of meeting,  
and the glory of the LORD/Yahweh filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34).”*

🌿 **Isaiah 6:1-4** “I saw the Lord/*Adonai* seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD/*Yahweh* Almighty; the whole earth is full of His Glory.” At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.”

🌿 **Exodus 40:38** “So the cloud of the LORD/*Yahweh* was over the *mishkan* by day and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the House of Israel during all their travels.”

🌿 **Hebrews 9:1-14** “Now the first covenant had both regulations for worship and a Holy Place here on earth. A tent was set up, the outer one, which was called the Holy Place; in it were the Menorah, the Table and the Bread of the Presence [*Showbread*]. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holiest Place, which had the golden altar [*Altar of Incense*] for burning incense and the Ark of the Covenant, entirely covered with gold. In the Ark were the gold jar containing the manna, Aaron’s rod that sprouted and the stone tablets of the Covenant; and above it were the cherubim representing the *Sh’khinah* [*Presence of Yahweh*], casting their shadow on the lid of the ark – but now is not the time to discuss these things in detail.”

“With things so arranged, the priests go into the outer tent all the time to discharge their duties; but only the High Priest enters the inner one; and he goes in only once a year, and he must always bring blood, which he offers both for himself and for the sins committed

in ignorance by the people. By this arrangement, the Holy Spirit/*Ruach HaKodesh* showed that so long as the first Tent had standing, the way into the Holiest Place was still closed. This symbolizes the present age and indicates that the conscience of the person performing the service cannot be brought to the goal by the gifts and sacrifices he offers. For they involve only food and drink and various ceremonial washings – regulations concerning the outward life, imposed until the time for God/*Elohim* to reshape the whole structure.”

“But when the Messiah appeared as High Priest of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world), he entered the Holiest Place once and for all.

“And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever. For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their outward purity; then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God/*Elohim* as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God/*Elohim*!”<sup>CJB</sup>

*Chazak! Chazak! VeNitchazak  
Be Strong! Be Strong! And May We Be Strengthened!*

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